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FOR S/P WINSTON LORD

1. POL COUNS HAS DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH TACHIBANA. DATES AND SCHEDULE ARE NOW FIXED; VENUE WILL BE KANAYA HOTEL AT NIKKO. WE WOULD ONLY NOTE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, FOR WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS TO ARRIVE ONE DAY EARLIER THAN NOW SCHEDULED TO PERMIT SOME REST AND DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFFS BEFORE MEETING JAPANESE.

2. TACHIBANA WAS NOT YET READY TO SUGGEST AGENDA TOPICS, BUT WE WILL KEEP AFTER HIM. MEANWHILE, OUR SUGGESTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS. WE NOTE THAT AVAILABLE TIME WILL BE SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN USUAL. MOREOVER, "FREE DISCUSSION" SHOULD NOT BE ELIMINATED OR CURTAILED SINCE THIS RUBRIC, AS YOU KNOW, PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES AND OUTLOOK IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS. GIVEN THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE BELIEVE AGENDA SHOULD BE LIMITED TO TWO OR AT MOST THREE TOPICS. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE: (1) CHINA AND USSR, OUR RESPECTIVE RELATIONS WITH EACH, AND HOW THOSE RELATIONS INTER-RELATED.

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JAPANESE WILL PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OUTLOOK

FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. DISCUSSION OF KOREAN QUESTION, ESPECIALLY UN ASPECTS, COULD LOGICALLY FOLLOW. (2) CHALLENGES POSED BY THIRD WORLD AND LDC'S, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, RAW MATERIALS CARTELS, ETC. WE NOTE S/P IS ENGAGED IN MAJOR PLANNING STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT (STATE 99106), RESULTS OF WHICH MIGHT BE EFFECTIVELY USED TO STIMULATE JAPANESE THINKING ALONG LINES SUPPORTIVE OF OUR INTERESTS. THIS TOPIC MIGHT ALSO COVER OR VIEW OF MIDDLE EAST PROSPECTS AND ATTITUDES OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS. FINALLY, WE WOULD EXPECT INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RESPECTIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT CUSTOMARY EVENING SESSION.
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